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SUBJECT: SUDAN VIEWS ON LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE

1. SUDANGOV APPROACHING NEXT SESSION LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE
(LOS) PREPARED TO SUPPORT GENERAL G-77 POSITIONS AND HOPEFUL
THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WILL BE IN QUOTE BARGAINING MOOD
UNQUOTE. SUDANDEL MAY BE HEADED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL DR. HASAN
OMER AND WILL INCLUDE CHIEF FONMIN LEGAL DIVISION OMER
AL-SHAIKH. OTHERS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE ARE FAISAL ABD AL-
RAHMAN FROM KHARTOUM U LAW SCHOOL AND THREE MEMBERS SUDAN UN
MISSION. FORMER CHAIRMAN SUDANDEL OMER FARUQ HASAN SHUMAINA
WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ON SUDAN DEL.

2. DCM DISCUSSED LOS WITH SHAIKH WHO INDICATED HIS DEL WILL
SUPPORT G-77 POSITION ON EXPLOITATION SEABED RESOURCES. HE
ADMITTED PROSPECT SHARING IN WEALTH DEEP SEABED SIGNIFICANT
FOR SUDANGOV. SHAIKH SAID SUDAN GOV DID NOT RPT NOT LIKE
IDEA OF TEMPORARY AGREEMENT ENFORCEMENT BUT HE SEEMED
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SOMEWHAT MORE WILLING CONSIDER SOVIET COMPROMISE ALLOWING
TEMPORARY JOINT VENTURE. HE SAID IF SOVIET COMPROMISE CAN
BE ACCEPTED, DC-LDC CLASH CAN BE AVOIDED. SHAIKH NOTED
ISSUE WOULD NOT AFFECT JOINT SUDAN-SAUDI RED SEA MINERAL
EXPLOITATION EFFORT CURRENTLY UNDERWAY SINCE AREA
CONCERNED COMPLETELY WITHIN CONTINENTAL SHELF AND IN
EXCLUSIVE ZONE.

3. ON STRAITS SHAIKH INDICATED SUDAN WOULD BE FLEXIBLE. HE SAID SUDANGOV BELIEVES STRAITS THAT CONNECT INTERNAL WATERS WITH HIGH SEAS SHOULD BE SUBJECT RIGHTS INNOCENT PASSAGE. STRAITS CONNECTING HIGH SEAS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO FREE PASSAGE. ALSO OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO SUDAN ARE RIGHTS OF LANDLOCKED SINCE THREE OF ITS NEIGHBORS ARE LAND-LOCKED STATES THAT CAN BE EXPECTED SEEK TRANSIT RIGHTS ACROSS SUDAN. AMONG SUDANDEL'S CONCERNS ARE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF LOS DECISIONS GRANTING RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES TO LANDLOCKED STATES ACROSS TERRITORY OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. BIO NOTES: ATTORNEY GENERAL, HASAN OMER, IS ONE OF MOST OUTSTANDING LAWYERS IN SUDAN. HE STUDIED LAW AT KHARTOUM (LLB), AND HAS ADVANCED DEGREES FROM OXFORD, CHICAGO AND HARVARD. HIS VIEWS ON TECHNICAL LEGAL QUESTIONS CAN BE EXPECTED TO CARRY GREAT WEIGHT WITHIN SUDANGOV. NOT CLEAR, HOWEVER, WHETHER HE WILL ATTEND NEW YORK SESSION. FAISAL ABD AL-RAHMAN ATTENDED CARACAS LOS SESSION. ON DAY-TO-DAY WORKING LEVEL KEY MEMBER SUDANDEL WILL BE SHAIKH WHO HAS LLB FROM KHARTOUM AND MBA FROM ST. JOHNS U (LONG ISLAND). HE WORKED FOR LATTER DEGREE EVENINGS WHILE ASSIGNED TO SUDAN UN MISSION 1968-73. SHAIKH WAS CHARGE AT SUDAN EMBASSY BEIRUT 1973-76, FOLLOWING WHICH HE WAS ASSIGNED TO PRESENT POSITION. HE IS MARRIED, HAS TWO CHILDREN, ONE OF WHICH BORN IN US. HE HAS TRAVELED WIDELY IN US, HAS SEVERAL AMERICAN FRIENDS AND LIKED NY. HE CAN BE EXPECTED BE APPROACHABLE AND FRIENDLY. THOUGH NEW IN HIS POSITION AS CHIEF LEGAL DIV, HE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF LOS FROM PREVIOUS CONFIDENTIAL

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